



Chapter 18 - Find Out My Mind 1







AN IDIOT WHO CHARGES IN HEADFIRST IS NOTHING TO ME!!



CHIFUYU-NEE TOOK DOWN THE WHOLE WORLD WITH JUST ONE SWORD, OR DID YOU FORGET?



YOU'RE NOT HER!!

KNOW YOUR PLACE !!

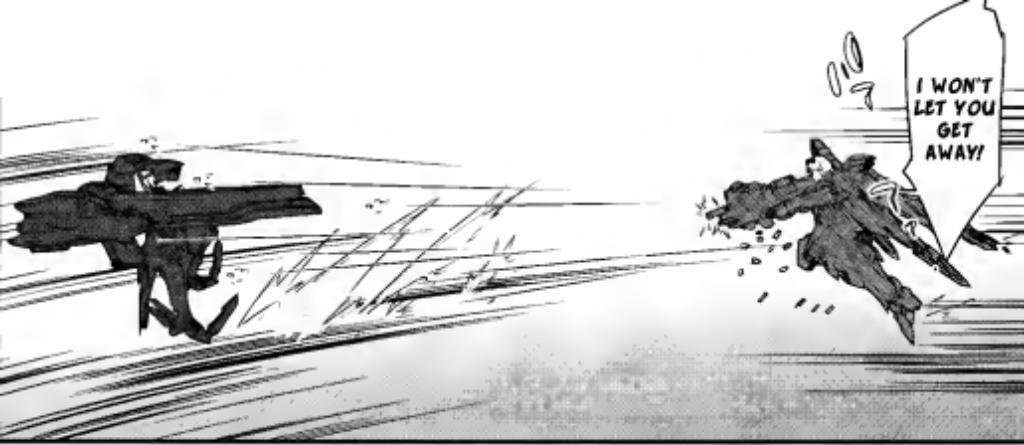
BUT
EVEN IF
THAT'S
TRUE,

I DON'T
REALLY
BELIEVE THAT
I CAN EVER
BE LIKE
CHIFUYU-
NEE EITHER.

I
WON'T
LET
YOU!

I'LL SHOW
YOU THAT AT
THE VERY
LEAST, I CAN
SUPPORT MY
FRIENDS!

TCH
....!







TREATING YOUR PARTNER LIKE SHE'S IN THE WAY IS THE HEIGHT OF ARROGANCE.

LOOKS
LIKE SHE'S SERIOUSLY GOING TO FIGHT BY HERSELF.

STILL,
ICHIIKA-SAN AND DUNOIS-SAN ARE WORKING REALLY WELL TOGETHER.

ICHIIKA-SAN, FIGHT!!

ICHIIKA!! STAY STRONG !!

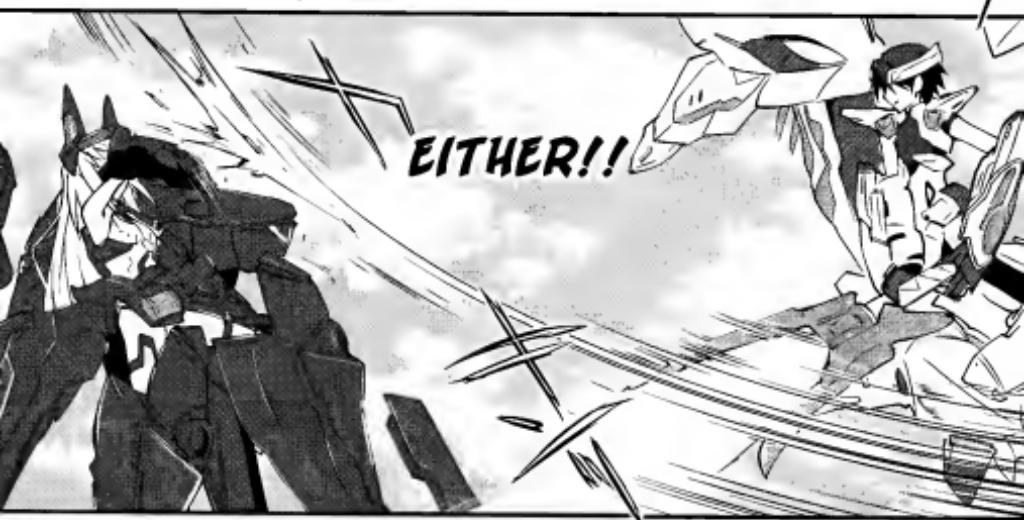
BUT SOMEHOW, IT JUST DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT...













WELL
DONE.



...
GUESS
IT'S
ABOUT
TIME FOR
ME TO
END THIS.

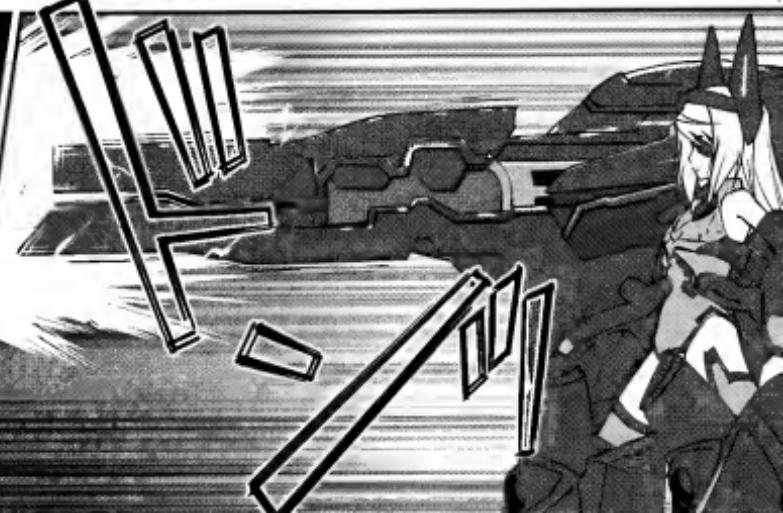
CRAP!

THAT I
MOVED
TO LONG
RANGE!!

I WAS SO
FOCUSED
ON AVOID-
ING THE
WIRE
BLADE











SAVE THE PRAISES FOR AFTER WE WIN THIS BATTLE, OKAY?

THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET TOUGH.

YEAH,

LET'S GIVE HER A TASTE

OF OUR COMBO ATTACKS!

I GUESS
ORIMURA
KUN IS JUST
REALLY
TALENTED,
ISN'T HE?

WOW,
THAT'S
REALLY
AMAZING
...
HE
REACHED
THAT LEVEL OF
COORDINATION
AND TEAMWORK
AFTER BARELY
TWO WEEKS OF
TRAINING.

ICHIIKA'S
OWN CO-
ORDINATION
AND TEAM-
WORK HASN'T
IMPROVED
MUCH AT
ALL.

HMPH.
DUNOIS IS
CARRYING
HIM IN THAT
TEAM.

WELL...
I GUESS
YOU COULD
BE RIGHT.

EVEN IF
THAT'S TRUE,
DON'T THAT
MAKE ORIMURA-
KUN AMAZING FOR
BEING ABLE TO
GET SOMEONE
WHO WAS A COM-
PLET STRANGER
JUST A FEW
WEEKS AGO TO
LOOK OUT FOR
HIM LIKE
THAT?

THE FRESHMEN THIS YEAR BROUGHT A WHOLE BUNCH OF 3RD GENERATION MODELS TO THE SCHOOL.
THE IDEA IS TO GET THEM AS MUCH REAL-WORLD-BATTLE STYLED TRAINING EXPERIENCED AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR ANY POSSIBLE ATTACK ON THE SCHOOL.

STILL, THE SUDDEN CHANGE OF THE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT RULES TO MAKE IT TEAM-BASED PROBABLY HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE INCIDENT LAST MONTH, DOESN'T IT?

I SEE.

GET STRONGER, ICHIKA.
SO STRONG THAT YOU CAN USE HER PLANS AS A SPRING-BOARD FOR YOURSELF.

WITHOUT A PERSONAL IS, THAT SEEMS ABOUT RIGHT FOR HER LEVEL.

ON TOP OF THAT, DUNOIS' STYLE IS A HORRIBLE MATCHUP FOR HER.

ANYWAY,

SHINONONO-SAN SEEMED TO HAVE LOST RATHER EASILY.

IT'S LIKE ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS.



BODEWIG-SAN'S PRETTY STRONG, HUH?

BUT THAT'S NOT ENOUGH.

HMPH

SHE'S STILL THE SAME AS EVER.

THINKING THAT THE STRONGER HER ATTACKS ARE, THE STRONGER SHE BECOMES.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRY SO HARD TO PRETEND NOT TO CARE...

OH, PLEASE!

I HATE BEING TEASSED ABOUT MY FAMILY MEMBERS.

Grip

IT'LL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW IT UNFOLDS.

NOW, LET WATCH THE REST OF THE MATCH.

O-kay... Sorry...

Y-yes...

Grip

WELL,

WE'LL SEE IF IT CAN GO THAT SMOOTHLY ...

ORIMURA-KUN ACTIVATED HIS REIRAKU BYAKUYA! IS HE PLANNING TO BET THE WHOLE MATCH ON ONE ATTACK?









THE AIC
REQUIRES
THE USER TO
BE ABLE TO
CONCEN-
TRATE ON
THE TARGETS
IT WANTS TO
AFFECT IN
ORDER TO BE
ACTIVATED!



WHA-?!

IT RUNS
OUT OF
ENERGY
NOW?!



NOW THAT
YOU'VE USED UP
ALL YOUR SHIELD
ENERGY,
YOU CAN NO
LONGER FIGHT!

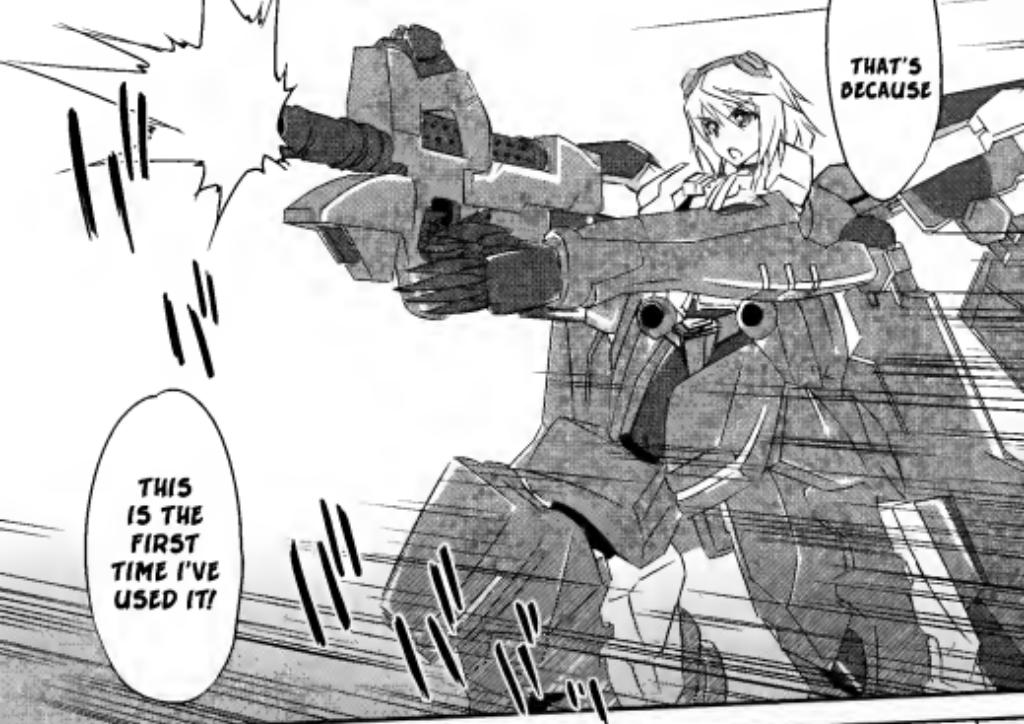


I WON'T
LET YOU!



YOU'RE
IN THE WAY!







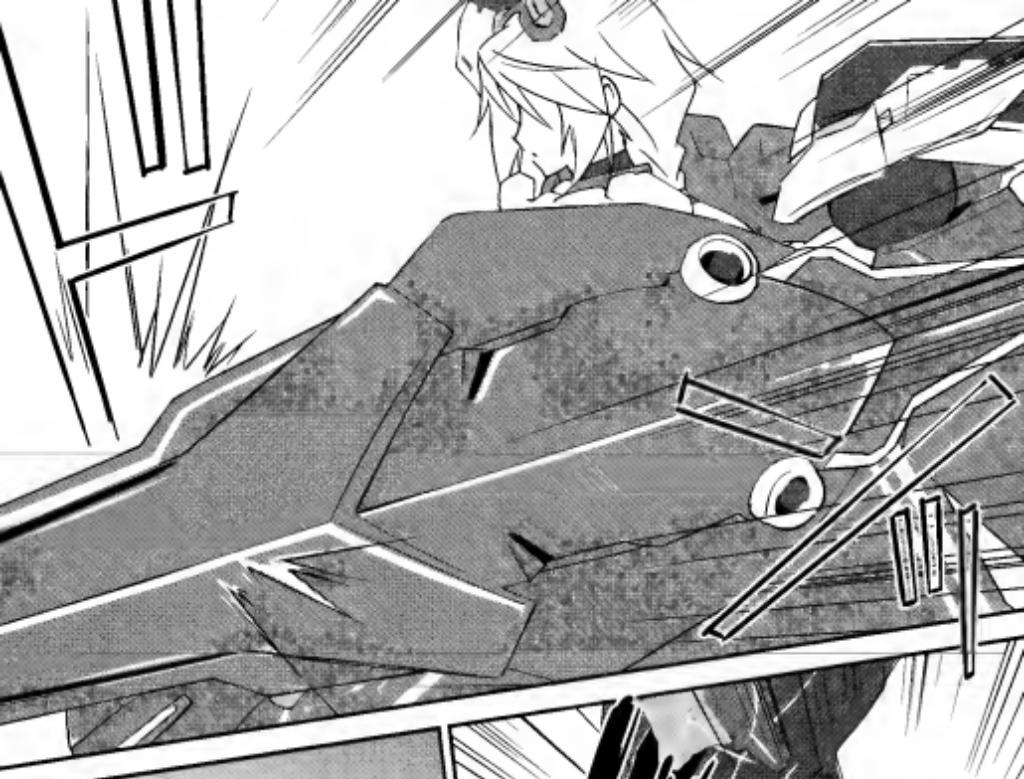
BUT
YOU'RE STILL
HELPLESS
AGAINST MY
INERTIAL BARRIER-

!?



I WON'T
MISS FROM
THIS DIS-
TANCE!



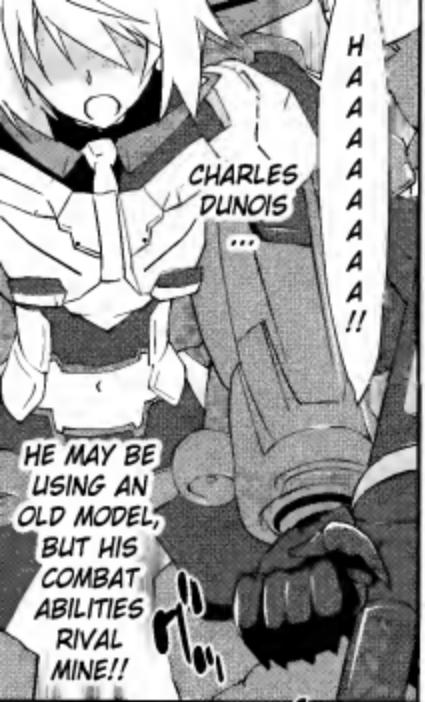




AM
I...

GOING TO
LOSE IN
A PLACE
LIKE
THIS?

I AM
....!





THAT WAS
THE FIRST
CODE I WAS
BRANDED
WITH.

GENETIC
STRENGTHENING
TEST SUBJECT
NUMBER
C-0037

I WAS
CAPABLE AND
TALENTED AND
SOON BECAME
RAISED TO THE
HIGHEST
LEVELS
POSSIBLE.

AND THEN
THE WORLD'S
GREATEST
WEAPONS
WERE BORN -
THE ARRIVAL
OF THE IS
MACHINES
CHANGED THE
WORLD.

I
MASTERED
ALL FORMS
OF FLYING
MACHINERY.



I WAS
CREATED,
BORN AND
RAISED
FOR WAR.

I
MEMORIZED
FIGHTING
TECHNIQUES.

I
LEARNED
ABOUT
GUNS.



IT EXPLOSIVELY SPEEDS UP THE TRANSMISSION OF SIGNALS FROM THE EYE TO THE BRAIN, WITH THE PURPOSE OF SPEEDING UP RE-FLEXES, THROUGH TRANSPLANTING NANO MACHINES INCOMPATIBLE WITH A NORMAL HUMAN EYE.

IN ORDER TO BE MORE COMPATIBLE WITH THEM, I WAS GIVEN ANOTHER "TREATMENT" - ODIN'S EYE.

WAS THE SCORN, SNEERS, AND SCHADENFREUDE OF MY FELLOW SQUAD MEMBERS.



NO LONGER BEING REGARDED AS ANYWHERE NEAR THE TOP, ALL I HAD LEFT

BUT BECAUSE OF THIS "TREATMENT" MY LEFT EYE CHANGED TO A GOLD COLOR AND BECAME IMPOSSIBLE TO USE NORMALLY.

THERE WAS NO RISK... OR SO THEY SAID...

*SCHADENFREUDE: PLEASURE DERIVED BY SOMEONE FROM ANOTHER PERSON'S MISFORTUNE

AND THAT'S WHEN I WAS BRANDED A "FAILURE".

UNABLE TO STOP, TUMBLING WITHOUT END...

I FELL FROM DARKNESS INTO AN EVEN DEEPER ABYSS.

BECAUSE OF THIS ACCIDENT, I FELL FAR BEHIND THE REST OF THE WORLD IN IS TRAINING.



THAT WAS
WHEN I SAW THE
INSTRUCTOR...
WHEN I MET
ORIMURA
CHIFUYU.

AND THEN I
FOUND A LIGHT
THAT REACHED
MY EYE...

YOU'LL
PROBABLY
BE THE
STRONGEST
IN THIS
SQUAD
AGAIN IN
I'M GOING A MONTH
TO BE
TEACHING
YOU.

YOU
RESULTS
REALLY
HAVEN'T
IMPROVED
MUCH LATELY,
BUT HEY,
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT,

HER
STRENGTH,
HER
STRICT-
NESS AND HER
STRAIGHT-
FORWARD
ATTITUDE -
SHE WAS
BURNED INTO MY
MIND.

AND I...
FELL FOR
HER.

AH-
I WANTED
TO BE
LIKE THAT.
I WANTED
TO BE LIKE
HER...

HER WORDS FELT
LIKE THE TRUTH
AND SHE WASN'T
KIDDING.
I FOCUSED
OBSESSIVELY
ON PRACTICING
WHAT SHE
TAUGHT ME AND
I WAS SOON
EASILY THE BEST
IN THE SQUAD
AGAIN...

HOW DID YOU
BECOME SO
STRONG?
WHAT MUST
I DO TO
BECOME THAT
STRONG?

- AND
ONE DAY,
I ASKED
HER!

AND SO I
TRIED TO FIND
THE RIGHT
TIME TO TALK
TO HER IN THE
SIX MONTHS
BEFORE SHE
WAS DUE TO
RETURN HOME
TO HER COUN-
TRY.

WHEN I
LOOK AT
HIM, I
UNDER-
STAND

JUST WHAT
STRENGTH
REALLY IS
AND WHAT
LIES BEYOND
IT-

I HAVE A
LITTLE
BROTHER.

THAT'S NOT YOU...
THAT'S NOT THE PERSON
I FELL FOR. YOU'RE
STRONG, STERN,
BEAUTIFUL AND DIRECT...
I WON'T FORGIVE HIM...
I WON'T ACKNOWLEDGE
HIM... THE ONE WHO MADE
MY BELOVED INSTRUCTOR
HAVE THAT EXPRESSION
ON HER FACE!
THAT'S WHY-

...
I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND.

YOU'RE
JUST
FINE
THAT
WAY
FOR
NOW.

BUT
MAYBE ONE
DAY YOU'LL
COME TO
JAPAN AND
I'LL SHOW
YOU...



IS: Infinite Stratos

Chapter 18

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